

LENTEN SEASON FORGOTTEN.

Omaha's Society Finds No Time for a Rest.

BEHIND THE PURPLE CURTAIN.

Little Parties, Teas and Receptions Speed the Lenten Hours—A Lull in Larger Entertainments—Social Gossip.

Is Lent Unfashionable? Has Lent come out of fashion that there appears so little incense on the part of the society people everywhere to observe the church's demands for the season?

A halt has been called in the larger entertainments, to be sure, but smaller evenings are as plentiful as leaves in the Vallambrosa and sackcloth and ashes are little more than empty soundings.

A regard for the proprieties prevents any display on the part of the Episcopals, but cannot stifle the infinite variety of expedients for fleeting time pleasantly behind the purple curtain. Dower, blossom and buds alike join the butterfly throng. Luncheons, card parties and teas hold their attention and the much talked of rest has developed into dream stuff. In a way it is to be regretted, for aside from the performance of the ecclesiastical requirements from pious motives, it was a charming sight in other days to see many-eyed women, with hair in ringlets, with faces and thoughts turned churchward, if their repugnance were not of the heart-sick order, it was a sight of uplifting to a degree, making man regarding this self-abandonment, realize all his own vileness by comparison.

The voluntary exile from society showed its good results in burnished thought brought about by a closer intimacy with books. Faces of contrition the sweet faces emerged rested and refreshed as a garden after a rain. Reasonable hours brought beautifulness and happier men, all combining to elevate the spirit making fasting and prayer a privilege rather than an onerous duty.

Far be it from me to say that this variance from the strict order of churchly rectitude is an evidence of backsliding. It may be an honest awakening from much that was pretense, and as the signs of the fair women about us are no doubt those of omission they can better remedy their fault in the world than in retirement. Argue as you will, there is a tendency to gloss over the lenten duties on the part of women here in New York, Chicago and elsewhere. It is like an invasion by gaiety of the sad somberness of Lent, such as one sees in the first of October when the gardens overflow, scattering their leaves of red and gold far into the otherwise colorless street.

A Pretty Tea.

On Monday Mrs. R. Anderson gave a pleasant 7 o'clock tea with the following guests: Mrs. R. Fagen, Mrs. Alfred Gregory, Mrs. A. B. Carpenter, Mrs. H. L. Soward, Mrs. Van Horn, Mrs. F. W. Weeks, Mrs. G. H. Webster, Mrs. K. C. Stillwell and Miss Julia Carter. Mrs. Anderson is a graceful hostess and fittingly adorns an artistic home.

On Monday evening, March 10, Mrs. H. B. Corryell of Orchard Hill gave a delightful whist party in honor of Mrs. O. Linn and daughters of Chadron, Neb. Among the guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. William Austin, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Webster, Mrs. O. Linn, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Fenton, Miss Jane Adams of Winona, Miss McCarty, Miss Heise of O'Leary, Miss Jessie Weeks, Miss Grace Webster, Messrs. John, Thompson, Arnold and Master Ray Wagner.

Mrs. J. Cassidy gave a charming "evening" on Wednesday, March 12th, at her pleasant home 5208 Dayton street. The evening was devoted to dancing, cards, music and supper respectively held the attention of the guests and the hours passed delightfully.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore, Mr. and Mrs. Whitig, Mrs. Snell, Miss O'Brien, Miss Kinsler, Miss Brown, Messrs. Murphy, Sheehan, Kinsler and Dewar.

The Home Five Club were handsomely entertained last Friday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard at their home on South Twenty-eighth street. In addition to the members to the club the guests of the evening were: Misses Collet, Messrs. Conrad and Copley.

It being the last "meet" of the season the scribe scrutinized his collection of stars and on his report the following were awarded prizes and Mr. and Mrs. Grissold can call their "booby" hereafter without disturbing the serenity of the family circle. Charming special prizes were awarded on the evening's game.

A Mi-Careme Wedding.

A woman and a man with hand clasped in hand, eyes shining with happiness, and hearts exulting with love, a bower of roses and lilies and a handful of friends narrowing to a circle of the nearest and dearest, would transform a stormy March into June time. Such was the metamorphosis yesterday afternoon, when the marriage of Miss Miriam Chase, daughter of Mrs. S. Warren Chase, to Mr. Percy Ford was celebrated.

Dean Gardner performed the ceremony, and his deep voice caressing the silence made the sweet solemn words of the service more than ever impressively felt.

Later a wedding supper was served, the toasts were drunk in champagne with the wish echoing in the hearts of all that the happy couple would live as long as the sun transforms dull days into noontime radiance for the bride and groom.

The bride, a remarkably picturesque woman, wore a gown of blue serge with a blue velvet turban.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford left for Chicago and the east, to be absent about a month, after which they will be at home to their friends in Omaha.

Later in the summer they plan to pay a visit to the family estate of Mr. Ford's father in England.

An Anniversary Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Woodman gave a handsome dinner on Saturday evening, March 8, the occasion being the thirty-fourth anniversary of their marriage.

The beautiful drawing rooms were tastefully decorated with flowers, lilies and pearl roses in one and in French roses in the other.

The table was a triumph of art the motif of white and red being charmingly carried out. A broad border of white satin ribbon down the center with 1800 at one end and 1800 at the other in red lettering was surrounded by a center piece of Hennes and Bride roses. Dependence from the chandelier was a parachute of rhyming roses, the effect being picturesque and pleasing.

Covers were laid for twelve, the guests being: Dr. and Mrs. Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Hoarland, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Raymond.

North (Second) Presbyterian Church. The ladies of the church tendered to their pastor, Rev. W. R. Henderson, and wife a reception on last Thursday evening in the parlors of the parsonage, at which nearly one hundred members of the congregation were present and enjoyed a delightful evening.

Mr. Henderson is to sever his connection as pastor of the church May 1, and the ladies had purchased a handsome French cathedral clock as a parting gift to Mr. and Mrs. Henderson as a token of their respect and esteem. Mr. French made the presentation in a few fifty spoken words, and Mr. Henderson happily replied, after which an elegant collation was served.

A Charming Tea.

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. P. L. Perine gave a Kensington tea in honor of Mrs. Wilson, wife of General Thomas Wilson, U. S. A., now stationed at Chicago. The family residence, 1920 Douglas street, was made gay with palms and flowers, and any amount of bright talk always brought about by these alleged thread-and-needle feasts. This particular one was unusually interesting, as it

was a renewal of the intimacy of other days when General and Mrs. Wilson made their home in Omaha.

Orchard Hill Whist Club.

The Orchard Hill Whist club met at the elegant residence of Mr. L. F. Weeks on Tuesday last, and were entertained by the hostess in her usual happy style. Every one played his best, and had a good appetite when the time came to do justice to the elegant spread set before them by Mrs. Weeks. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hohn, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Barnard, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Neely, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Perfect, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Bailey, Mrs. C. L. Hazzard, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Austin, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Webster, Mrs. H. B. Coryell, Miss Jennie Adams, Miss Jessie Johns, Miss McCartney, Miss McCormick, Mr. A. E. Campbell, Mr. J. A. Whitehead, Mr. E. A. Cooper. The prizes were beautiful and appropriate, and were taken by Mr. Weeks and Mrs. Barnard; the booby prizes by Mr. Cooper and Miss McCormick.

A Yellow Luncheon.

Mrs. Alex. Poncek gave a yellow luncheon at her home on Farnam street, Saturday a week since.

The drawing rooms were warm with light from Whistler's favorite color, in yellow roses, tulips and daffodils. The table was covered with a yellow satin cover, and the flowers and napkins were yellow. The food was served, carrying out the color idea in every regard.

Social Gossip.

Mr. William R. Morris left for Chicago last evening.

Mrs. J. R. Buchanan is quite ill at the Dakota hotel.

Mrs. C. N. Dietz is visiting friends in Nashville, Tenn.

Mrs. Bennett entertained the Whist club on Monday evening.

Mrs. May of Ord, Neb., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Potter.

Mrs. George P. Bonis is the guest of Mrs. Ljams at 3441 Howard street.

Mrs. Rollins returned on Monday from a two months stay in the east.

Mrs. Garneau and Miss Robinson left Omaha on Sunday for Lexington, Ky.

Mrs. McCord gave a charming evening at cards in honor of Miss Lynch Friday last.

Mrs. Yost entertained a number of her friends at a Kensington tea on Friday afternoon.

Miss Hattie Scott is visiting her sister, Mrs. F. M. Richardson at 312 North Twenty-first street.

Mrs. Contant gave a delightful high five party Tuesday evening with ten tables of interested players.

Mrs. Sholes will entertain the Park Avenue club on Monday evening at her home, 1129 Georgia avenue.

Mrs. Pritchett entertained a few friends at luncheon yesterday in honor of Mrs. S. H. H. Clark of St. Louis.

Mrs. Edith Pratt gave a pleasant high five party on Thursday evening at her home, 212 South Twenty-fifth street.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vetter have removed their residence to their handsome new residence, 2102 West street.

On Tuesday evening, March 25, there will be a musical and tableau at the Lininger art gallery for the benefit of the city mission.

Mrs. Pritchett, whose entertainments are famous for perfection, added a new leaf to her laurels at her high five party Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Katie Deering, whose picture adorns the first page of the Excelsior as a Washington beauty, is a cousin of Mrs. Warren Rogers.

Miss Jessie Millard gave an exquisitely dainty and charming luncheon on Wednesday in honor of the Misses Wadleigh, with covers laid for eight.

Mrs. Samuel Barnes gave a charming dinner Tuesday evening and one on Thursday evening in honor of her guest, Miss Harriet Newman of Burlington, Ia.

Mr. Richard Hays returned Wednesday from Nashville, Tenn. During his visit through the south he dined in company with Judge and Mrs. Thurston and Mr. and Mrs. John Wilbur with Rev. and Mrs. Sherrill.

Mrs. Charles Vincote gave a charming dinner Thursday evening in honor of her friend and guardian, Mr. Belt of Baltimore.

Charles and his family were in the city, being beautifully decorated with daffodils and spiraea.

The engagement is announced of Miss Minnie Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Richardson, to Mr. William R. Morris. The wedding will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richardson on Saturday, April 13, at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. Grace Webster of Orchard Hill gave a party on Friday evening for Miss Jeanette Mallon of Omaha and her friends. L. Sheeran and Mr. R. Anderson helped entertain. There were present: Miss Charlotte Rose, Addie Gillett, Cora Edmiston, Jessie Anderson, Jeannette Mallon, Joseph O'Leary of Chadron, Neb., Messrs. Arthur Rose, Enoch Ellison, Ballard and Frank Chambers of Council Bluffs, and Dean Wright. Refreshments were served at 11 o'clock.

Black lace collarettes fastened with a knot of green grass will suggest a stylish combination for alpaca, gilette or silk.

Sleeve caps are made of crepe, silk or brocade handkerchiefs, hemmed and tied over the shoulder with a knot under the arm.

Bustles, gum, accordion suits, chateaus, silver, starched petticoats, buttons, jewelry and colors are a few of the things that have been retired from the public street.

Mrs. Rhea are caricatured. Some leader of fashion read a paper not long ago in a New York drawing room on "The Slavery of Time," and presto! chateaus and corsage stone-winders vanished.

Mess coats and Eaton jackets of navy blue or scarlet cloth with petticoats of Irish poplin edged with fox, while designed for hunting and coaching parties, will be seen along the lead drives about Easter time.

Parasols are not what they were last year; that is, the newest modes are not. The great difference is in the stick. Last year it extended a foot beyond the top of the shade. This year it extends only an inch or two at the most.

Life is too short to indulge in vain regrets, and when the woman of fashion exhausts her strength and interests and sacrifices her good looks to society the mirrors are ordered from her reach, the hot water tubs are ordered from her reach, and the beauty of her face and figure is left to the mercy of the gods.

In the discussion of spring millinery a loud and imperative demand is heard for weather-proof ribbons, feathers and auctresses. Flowers and plumes will not be considered owing to their perishable character. The new hats are made of straw, and are of silver lace; metallic, galon or beaded bands encircle the crowns of walking hats, and jauntily perched on in a clump of jet or rubber stones are small birds, swallows and larks, made of pieces of glassy plumage.

Many of the beautiful street and theater dresses are braided. If the color of the cloth is particularly pleasing, again the face, the whole basque is striped with a darker or contrasting shade. There are braids and braids in hair, and if the buyer wants to make sure of the beauty of her gown the braids used on military uniforms should be procured, as they will not shrink.

The infantry tubular braids are made in a criss-cross pattern of mohair and silk and wear well. The artillery braids are another excellent trimming, and for both there are netted fringes and olives as ornaments.

The most fashionable thing in handkerchiefs, in London, for ladies is that imported from India. These dainty articles are entirely of lace except a center of muslin, about two inches square. They are worn at receptions and swell dress affairs, but are of no practical use. They cost about \$1.50 apiece. Another handkerchief (\$1) has border and insertions of Valenciennes lace, but good Valenciennes lace is to be had for one-third the cost. A handkerchief with a scalloped outer edge, in imitation of an ivy leaf is novel and pretty; another has a deep border of colored dots, each dot worked in.

Since the Irish linen weavers have taken to embroidery the French no longer have a monopoly in this style of handkerchiefs.

AMONG THE FRATERNITIES.

A New Supreme Representative Appointed.

FRENCH SUCCEEDS SHROPSHIRE.

Minnesota Knuckles to Pike and Gives Him Full Swing to Peddle Degrees and Rituals and Bars All Competitors.

E. E. French has been appointed representative to the supreme lodge vice J. S. Shropshire, resigned. A few weeks ago an item was published in this department to the effect that Mr. Shropshire had removed his family to Butte, Mont., where he is attorney for the Union Pacific railroad, and had, in fact, made "change of residence."

The article further stated that Mr. French would probably succeed Mr. Shropshire as supreme representative, as that was the desire of the latter. This item was copied in an editorial in one of the Pythian publications under the caption, "What Nonsense."

The editorial then went on to say: "This is a specimen of the reliable news which frequently appears in those Omaha papers which pretend to publish secret society news, etc., and proceeded to denounce it as utterly without foundation. The paper publishing this uncalculated trade news struck the nail more squarely on the head than it referred to the paragraph in question as 'reliable.' That it was perfectly reliable the sequel shows. Mr. Shropshire forwarded his resignation to Grand Chancellor Macfarland in conformity with the removal from the state, but the latter did not take any action in the matter until a few days since. The appointment of Mr. French is a well-deserved recognition of that gentleman's worth and faithful service. He held the office of grand keeper of records and seals for twenty years, being the first person elected to that position, and being re-elected continually until the last session. Mr. French is one of the best posted men on Pythian law in the state and is personally qualified to succeed Mr. Shropshire, who was recognized as one of the most prominent members of the supreme lodge. Great respect was expressed when it became known that Mr. Shropshire was to remove from the state, but the appointment of Mr. French will meet with the approval of all interested parties. The term for which Mr. French has been appointed expires at the next meeting of the grand lodge, when a successor will be elected."

A merry party started for Milwaukee Monday evening to view the grounds intended for the encampment of the Uniformed Soldiers of St. Louis, in accordance with the invitation from Major General Canham. The party consisted of Colonel H. M. Dows, Adjutant Richard O'Neil, and Quartermaster Reinhold of the First regiment, and Colonel Sizer, aide-de-camp on the staff of the brigadier general, all of Lincoln, with the following Omaha officers: Colonel Craggs, A. D. C., Lieutenant Colonel Brown, Adjutant Corte, Quartermaster Snyder and Captain Ware. Brigadier General Dayton had intended to accompany the party, but was prevented from doing so.

The chancellor commander of one of the lodges is about to take unto himself a wife, as he is rather young, about forty years of age, and of superb presence. He has, according to an excellent critic, a beautiful bow-arm, and a large, a great deal of sentiment, and tremulous execution. Mr. White was obliged to shoulder his fiddle and leave Brazil with the imperial family. His fortune is meagre, as Paris is as enthusiastic over his genius as is London.

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ing at the residence of Mrs. Annie Shammell, 2401 Pierce street. A jolly round of twenty couples composed of members of Custer Post, Sons of Veterans, W. R. C. ladies and friends were present. Mrs. Shammell's abilities as a hostess will answer for the fact that nothing was left undone which would add to the enjoyment of the evening. The pleasant hours were passed socially and in card playing until near midnight, after which all retired to their homes. Refreshments which were furnished by the ladies of the corps.

F. A. M.

Fraternal council No. 120, held their regular meeting Thursday night. Deputy Supreme Regent George Kee, was present from Schuyler, where he has been organizing a new council. Several candidates were admitted and a number of applications were acted upon. Fraternal council will have a party in April.

K. G. E.

Red Cross castle gave another of their monthly parties at their hall on Fifteenth street Friday night. There was a good attendance and the affair was very enjoyable, as are all the entertainments given by this enterprising lodge.

Personal Paragraphs.

Miss S. A. Richardson returned yesterday from a two weeks' business trip east.

J. L. Brandeis, senior member of the firm of J. L. Brandeis & Sons, left yesterday for Salt Lake City.

Dr. Birney, the catarrh specialist, went to Grand Island last evening and will return Monday morning.

Lieutenant Governor Fletcher and Judge Drake of Aberdeen and Rev. P. E. Hoip of Waterloo arrived in the city yesterday afternoon to attend the meeting of the grand lodge of trade last evening, and will remain over Monday and Tuesday.

Building Permits.

The following building permits were issued yesterday:

Peter Hansen, frame shop, Twenty-fifth and Leavenworth \$ 300

Louise Rogers, frame cottage, Fourteenth and Olive, Baptist church, Central Park 2,500

P. Jensen, one and one-half story frame dwelling, Twenty-sixth and Parker 1,600

Total \$ 4,400

Theosophy.

The Theosophical society meets every Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Shelly black, room 203. Wednesday and Saturday evenings from 7 to 9 the room is open to the public.

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